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Title: **Leaders Portfolio Holder's Report –  
Councillor Colin Glover**

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## **BORDERLANDS INCLUSIVE GROWTH DEAL**

Following the submission of a Borderlands Inclusive Growth Deal proposal to the UK and Scottish Governments at the end of September 2018, progress continues to be made with a view to agreeing 'Heads of Terms' for the Deal. Further positive meetings have taken place recently with key government ministers in both the UK and Scottish Governments where Ministers' expressed their ongoing support for a future Borderlands Deal. Officers continue to work with Civil Servants on the detail of the proposals.

## **CRICKET PAVILION – ROMAN BATHHOUSE PROJECT**

Carlisle Cricket Club are committed to building a new Edenside Cricket Pavilion at a higher elevation so as to reduce the risk of flooding in future. The Club has secured funding for the project from the England Cricket Board (ECB), Sport England and input from Story Construction Ltd towards this new build.

Due to proximity of the proposed new Pavilion to Hadrian's Wall and the Vallum, an archaeological investigation was a prerequisite to initiating the build. This uncovered an internationally significant reveal of a Roman Bathhouse dating to the 3<sup>rd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> century AD. Progressing with the new development has been postponed whilst the Cricket Club, with partners, explore the range of options for the archeologically significant site and potential for incorporating heritage interpretation into the new Pavilion.

It is known that Stanwix is the site of the primary Roman fort on Hadrian's Wall and garrison for the elite regiment of ancillaries in Britain. For a site of such significance there has been limited research and little evidence of this Roman Civilisation is now visible. As such, the area in the vicinity of the Bathhouse is also highly significant and of interest in terms of archaeological research.

Initial discussions are underway with partners to determine the best way forward. It is proposed that the capital Pavilion build, and an archaeology research project are progressed. How these projects relate to each other is being explored. Initial enquiries concerning potential funding for an archaeology in the community project with the Heritage Lottery Fund are on-going.

## **FUTURE HIGH STREETS FUND**

Following the launch of the £675m Future High Streets Fund on December 26<sup>th</sup>, officers have commenced the work required to submit the Stage 1 Expression of Interest (EOI) by 22 March 2019. The Stage 1 EOIs must set out the challenges facing the area and a strategic vision that is shared local stakeholders and partners.

To ensure that challenges and vision articulated in the EOI are aligned with the aspirations local stakeholders and partners, the City Council held a 'City Centre Challenge' stakeholder event on 7 February 2019 to debate the key issues and establish a set of shared priorities. The event was well received with over 30 attendees, with representatives from the public, private and third sectors.

A range of issues were identified and debated, leading to a more refined set of priorities that the City Council will focus on in the preparation of the EOI. These include:

- Improving the public realm within the pedestrianised area
- Encouraging city centre living and boosting the resident population
- Supporting the development and expansion of the evening economy
- Repurposing empty properties – particularly on Castle Street
- Developing an engaging events programme to bring additional footfall

The strategic vision that emerged from the Workshop was for the diversification of the City Centre – to introduce a range of different footfall generating uses and reduce the dependency on retail - given the changes occurring within that sector. The EOI will articulate this vision and outline potential interventions could be delivered by the Fund to address the priorities identified.

## **Carlisle Events 2019**

**Saturday 13 April** Carlisle 'Passion Play', Carlisle city centre Produced by Classic Theatre Cumbria and supported by the Diocese of Carlisle, the Methodist Church, the United Reformed Church, Churches Together, the Salvation Army, and the free churches in Carlisle

**Thursday 18 - Monday 22 April** Easter International Market, Carlisle city centre

**Saturday 27 April** Pirelli International Rally (Brampton finish)

**Monday 27 May** Upperby Gala, Hammond's Pond

**Sunday 9 June** Madness, Bitts Park

**Saturday 15 June** Cumberland Show, East Park, Brisco

**Sunday 23 June** International Yoga Day, Bitts Park

**Saturday 29 June** Armed Forces Day, Carlisle city centre

**Thursday 4 July** Heartbreak Productions presents Romeo and Juliet open-air theatre, Talkin Tarn

**Sunday 7 July** 'Leg It For The Legion' 5km & 10km run for the Royal British Legion

**Saturday 13 July** Unity Festival, Carlisle city centre

**Sunday 14 July** Cancer Research UK Pretty Muddy and Race for Life, Bitts Park

**Saturday 17 August** Fake Festival, Bitts Parks

**Thursday 29 August** The Pantaloons presents Sense and Sensibility open-air theatre, Talkin Tarn

**Thursday 22 - Monday 26 August** Carlisle International Market (including the Proclamation on Saturday 24 August), Carlisle city centre

**Friday 23 - Tuesday 3 September** Carlisle Fringe, Carlisle City Centre and other venues

**Sunday 1 September** Carlisle Half Marathon

**Saturday 28 September** Cumbria Pride Parade and concert, Carlisle Castle

**Monday 30 September - Sunday 6 October** Borderlines Carlisle Book Festival, various venues

**Sunday 6 October** Cumbrian Run

**Saturday 2 November** Fireshow, Bitts Park

**Sunday 10 November** Remembrance Sunday, Carlisle city centre

**Sunday 17 November** Christmas Lights Switch-On, Carlisle city centre

**\*Plus a Carlisle Farmers' Market the first Saturday of every month in Carlisle City Centre\***